

# Newburgh News of Note

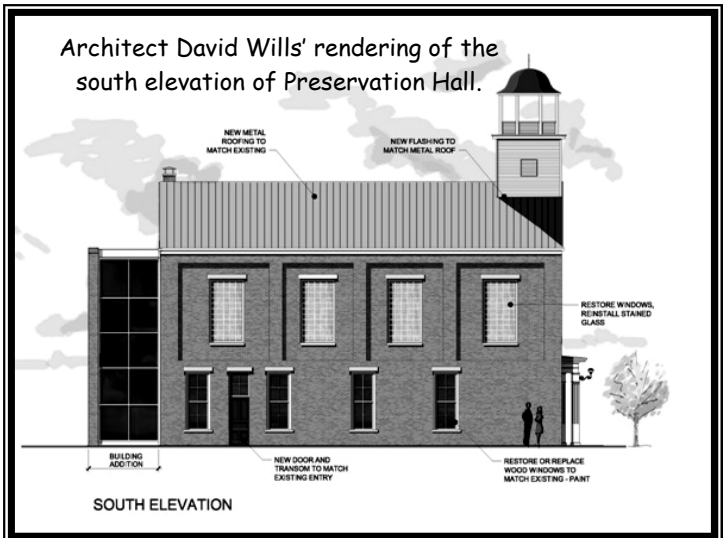
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## Preservation Hall Open House

Slated for Sunday, April 20, 2008 from 1-3 PM is the opening event for the newly renovated Preservation Hall. Built as the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and later serving as the seat of government for the Town of Newburgh, this National Register of Historic Places town icon has been restored to its former glory through the efforts of the Newburgh Building Corporation, the Town Council, and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs of the State of Indiana. With a \$500,000.00 Community Focus Fund Grant, the Town was able to embark upon the major rehabilitation and restoration of this most-recognized town structure. The lower level will serve as a display space for Newburgh memorabilia. Ebenezer Hall, the 1900 square foot upper level, is available for rent. A full caterers kitchen is available. The building is now completely ADA accessible.

The Sunday event will feature a reception, tours of the building, and a welcome to all those who remember this building a part of Newburgh history. The public is invited.



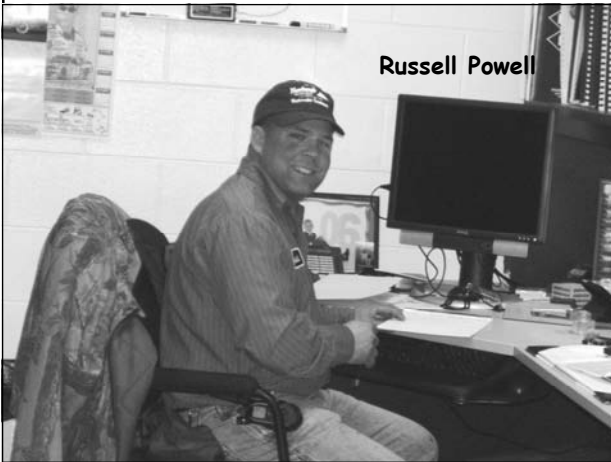
## Street Superintendent John Fischer Retires



After thirty-six and a half years on the job as the Street Superintendent for the Town of Newburgh, John Fischer retires as of May 31, 2008. His retirement celebration was held Monday, April 1 at the Fischer Maintenance Facility. John has experienced many changes in the department and in the Town over the last thirty six years. Having served with the street department, sewer department, and even, for a time, as the building inspector, John has played a vital role in Newburgh and will be greatly missed. Thank you, John!

## Wastewater Treatment Facility Promotes Employees

Three Newburgh Wastewater Treatment Facility employees were recently promoted. Heath Dill



was named Laboratory Supervisor. Russell Powell was named Plant

Supervisor, and Mike Burch was named Collection System Operation and Maintenance Pump Station Specialist. Heath has been a laboratory technician at the facility since 2002, Russell has

been Collection System Assistant Supervisor since 2005, and Mike has been in Operations and Maintenance at the facility since 2000. The Wastewater Treatment Facility operates under Superintendent Leon Key and has seventeen employees in field operations, at the plant, and in the laboratory.



## Police Reserve Officers Sworn In

At the March 12 Town Council meeting, Eric Mitchell and Adam Silva were sworn in as the two newest members of the Newburgh Police Department Reserve unit. These officers must complete forty hours of pre-basic training, firearms training, defensive tactics training, and 700 hours of field training. Reserve officers have the same powers and responsibilities to enforce the law as full-time police officers.



(Pictured l-r: Chief Sprinkle, Eric Mitchell, Adam Silva, Clerk-Treasurer Becky Gentry.)

## **Community Park Offers Recreational Opportunities**

### **Newburgh Pool Opens May 24**

Swim lessons, swim team, recreational swimming, lap swimming, adult swim, pool parties - Newburgh Community Pool offers them all. The purchase of pool passes and swim lesson and team registration will begin on May 16 at Community Pool.

Passes before opening date:

Family passes: resident - \$90  
non-resident - \$110

Single passes: resident - \$40  
non-resident - \$50

Punch pass: resident - \$75  
non-resident - \$85

After opening day, family passes go up \$20 and single passes go up \$10.



The pool offers swim lessons in two-week sessions beginning in June and continuing through August. The Newburgh Pool Dolphins swim team offers a great opportunity to participate in a low key competitive program with the development of team building skills and swim techniques. The pool is also available for rentals in the evenings.

Please call Newburgh Pool after May 16 at 853.0051 for all the latest details.



### **Refurbished Courts a Big Draw for Sports Enthusiasts**

In 2007, the Newburgh Parks Board orchestrated the much needed improvements to the tennis and the basketball courts at Newburgh Community Park. The courts are open from sunrise to 10 PM.

### **Newburgh Police Out in Force for Our Town**

Please remember the Newburgh Police will continue to enforce the various ordinances in place to help keep our community a very special place to live and work. These include abandoned vehicles, trash in yards, grass and weeds, animal permits, barking dogs, animal waste removal, and use of fireworks.

## Drop, Cover, and Hold

Although California has long been known as the "earthquake capital", the reality is that "our own" New Madrid Seismic Zone is now thought to be the highest natural disaster risk in the United States. The potential destruction from a major quake is unimaginable. The devastation that resulted from Katrina would pale in comparison.

Below are a few simple tips to help you better prepare for an earthquake:

Pick one or more safe places in your home and practice DROP, COVER, AND HOLD ON in each place. Your basement is not a safe place. While a basement is great protection from a tornado, it is not the place you want to be during an earthquake.

Pick an out-of-town friend or relative as a family contact person and make sure everyone in the family knows who the contact person is and their phone number.

Put together a disaster kit. Don't put it off. Do it this weekend. And, make sure you have a smaller version in your car.

Practice disaster drills with the entire family at least twice a year and don't forget about your pet.

Teach everyone how to turn off the utilities.

Secure cabinets, bookcases, or items that might fall.

Secure your water heater to wall studs with two metal straps.

When the shaking starts, DROP, COVER, AND HOLD. Stay inside. If you are outside, move to an open area and drop to the ground. If you happen to be driving, stop your car and remain inside. If possible move away from buildings, trees, bridges, overpasses, wires, and utility poles.

Because the threat of a major quake is so serious and because April has been designated as National Earthquake Awareness Month, the Town of Newburgh will be conducting an Earthquake Exercise on Wednesday, April 30 at Town Hall. This will allow our Town officials, employees, and supporting agencies the opportunity to test our response during a major earthquake event.

If you would like any more information on earthquakes or disaster preparedness in general, call or stop by Town Hall. Remember, **Preparedness begins with you.**

Are you ready?

Frank A. Hijuelos, Director of Planning and Development

### Newburgh Officials

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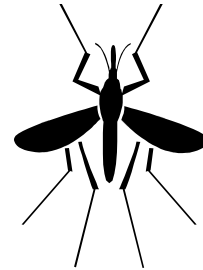
#### DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT/MAIN STREET

Historic Newburgh, Inc. 853.2815

## Neighborhood Mosquito Control

Simple measures can help control mosquito problems in your yard and your neighborhood:

- Get rid of old tires, buckets, artificial containers, or anything holding water in your yard
- Fill in or drain low spots, puddles, and ruts in your yard
- Keep drains, ditches, and culverts clean of weeds and trash so water will drain properly
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets
- Fill in tree-rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water
- Change the water in birdbaths, wading pools, and planters
- Keep gutters clean and free of debris
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed
- Notify the Town of mosquito breeding sites or mosquito activity for additional treatments



Standing water means you could be raising mosquitos!

## Mark Grimm Celebrates 30 Years as a Newburgh Volunteer Firefighter

On April 12, 1978, Mark Grimm joined the Newburgh Volunteer Firefighters Association and continues to volunteer for the association. Mark was a member of the department's first dive team. He was the first Newburgh firefighter to gain certification as an EMT. In 1984, Mark was awarded Firefighter of the Year by the Indiana Volunteer Association for this district. This award was granted for his attempted rescue of a woman from her submerged vehicle in the Ohio River just south of State and Water Streets. Mark currently holds the title of Indiana State Champion in his division for the Firefighters Combat Challenge competition. In addition to his duties with the Newburgh Volunteer Firefighters, Mark is a fire inspector at Alcoa Warrick Operations in the Plant Protection Department. Mark's thirty years of service to the community is greatly appreciated.



Mark competing in the challenge competition.

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## **Tuesday, May 6 Primary Election Day**

Voting locations for Town of Newburgh residents:

Ohio 3 vote at Newburgh Senior Center, 529 Jefferson Street

Ohio 4 and Ohio 22 vote at American Legion, Kapperman Post, 711 State Street

Ohio 20 and Ohio 33 vote at Masonic Temple, 720 Filmore

A government issued photo ID is required in order to be able to vote. The ID must have the voter's photo, name, and expiration date. In most cases, an Indiana driver's license, Indiana photo ID card, military ID or U.S. passport is sufficient.

Anyone registered to vote absentee in Warrick County can vote at the Election Office at One Boonville Square in Boonville or at the satellite office located at the Ohio Township Central Library at 4111 Lakeshore Drive in Newburgh. Satellite absentee

voting hours:	April 14 - 17	noon - 7:00 pm
	April 18, 19	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
	April 21 - 24	noon - 7:00 pm
	April 25, 26	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
	April 28, 29, 30 and May 1	noon - 7:00 pm

To find out if you are registered and where to vote go to [www.indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com) and put in your name and birth date or call the Warrick County Election Office at 897.6161.